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Elementary School Receives Federal Award for Energy Efficiency

Oak Hollow Elementary School in the Jordan School District is the first school in Utah to be named an ENERGY STAR® School. Lieutenant Governor Olene Walker will present the award to students and staff in an assembly on **Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 10 am, at Oak Hollow Elementary (884 East 14400 South).**

The U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency awarded the rating to Oak Hollow Elementary for its energy efficiency. The school meets the ENERGY STAR® performance target which includes: energy efficiency in the top 25 percent of similar existing buildings, thermal comfort, indoor air quality, and illuminance levels. Along with implementing energy efficient features, the school has adopted a school-wide energy curriculum, and instituted an "Energy Patrol," in which uniformed students patrol the school to make sure kids and staff are being as energy efficient as possible.

"An ENERGY STAR® school not only has lower utility costs, but is a healthier and more comfortable learning environment," says Michael Glenn, Utah Office of Energy Services director. "We congratulate Jordan School District on this award." The Utah Office of Energy Services assisted the Jordan School District Energy Office in applying for the award. Rose Creek Elementary (12812 South 3600 West) also received the recognition.

The Jordan School District, which spends over \$8 million annually on utilities, became interested in creating a comfortable, stimulating learning environment for the students, that would also reduce long term operating costs, and as a result has built 13 energy-efficient schools.

The Utah Office of Energy Services is a program of the Utah Division of Community Development, and works to help residents, businesses and agencies become more energy efficient.

DIRECTIONS: take I-15 South to Draper/Bluffdale Exit #291. Turn left, go under freeway. Go straight through stop sign, then road turns into Highland, and veers east. Turn right at Vestry Road. Go half a block to a round-a-bout, go three quarters of the way around to continuation of Vestry Street. Head north – the school will be on the west side of Vestry. Turn left on Adobe School Road.

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